



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Kohei ODA *et al.*

Application No. 10/090,155

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For: METHOD FOR DECOMPOSING POLY-
ESTERS CONTAINING AROMATIC
MOIETIES, A DENIER REDUCTION
METHOD OF FIBER, AND MICRO-
ORGANISMS HAVING ACTIVITY OF
DECOMPOSING THE POLYESTER

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Examiner: H. Lilling

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REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF 3 MONTHS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Request for Suspension of 3 Months is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an Amendment Under Rule 114.

The U.S. PTO is authorized to charge the fee of \$130, required by Rule 17(i) and Rule 103, as well as any other fee to maintain the pendency of the subject matter of this application, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Applicants request a three-month suspension of action pursuant to Rule 103(c). This request is made because Applicants' Japanese counsel has indicated to the undersigned firm that the inventors are planning for experiments relating to the prosecution of the instant application, and thus require additional time to perform

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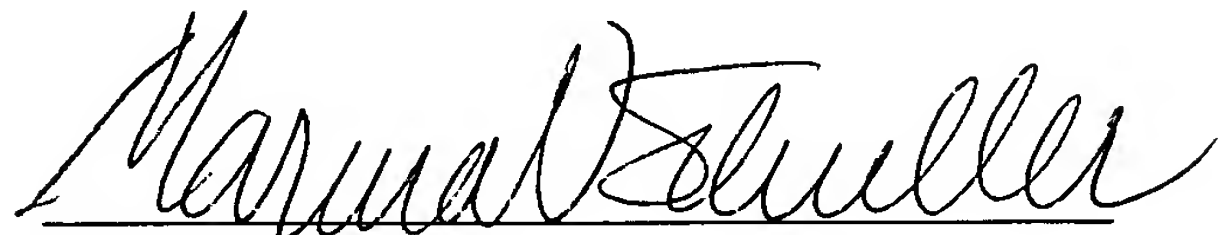
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experimentation and to respond to the Examiner's position set forth in the Final Rejection
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Respectfully submitted,

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